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**Tara B. White, Chair
Michele Shalaby
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Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015
11:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present: Tara B. White, Chairman
Michele Shalaby
Nathaniel Yohalem

Others Present: Joseph Kellogg, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Charles Loring
Ann Sommers
Mari Enoch

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings of April 9, 13, 27 and May 1, 2015 as amended.

Bid Results for Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) - The bids for the repaving of sections of Mill River Great Barrington Road were opened on May 6, 2015. The bidders were as follows:

Tri-Town Paving	\$56,400
LB Corporation	\$61,992

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to award the bid to Tri-Town Paving for \$56,400.

Town Administrative Structure – Joe Kellogg announced he is going to reduce his hours due to his work load lessening and budget constraints. He plans to work Monday evenings (Selectmen's Meetings), Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or approximately ten hours a week or as needed.

Meeting with Peter Niles, Charles Loring, Smitty Pignatelli, Joe Kellogg and the Board of Selectmen – Joe will set up two meetings: one with Peter Niles, Chuck Loring, Rep. Smitty Pignatelli, and Joe Kellogg to discuss Rt. 57 as well as streamlining Chapter 90 to be more structured to the smaller towns. The other meeting will be scheduled with the Board of Selectmen, Joe Kellogg, Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Senator Ben Downing.

Once the Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien, certifies the election today, Joe Kellogg will bring it to Rep. Smitty Pignatelli.

Elm Knoll Farm - A discussion ensued regarding the Mill River Farm encroaching on the Town road and the damage that has been done to the road as a result of the farm machinery. This is not the first incident regarding Mill River Farm; it has been warned repeatedly about planting crops too close to the road. It was agreed that the only remedy left is to take Mill River Farm to court.

Mike Jaffe – Lake Buel ZBA – Joe Kellogg explained the problem existed because Stube wanted to tear down a house and build a new one closer to the road. A variance was applied for because it violates the set-back law. Joe brought this to the attention of the Building Inspector, Tom Carmody, who advised a set-back variance would be required. Mike then spoke with Town Counsel who advised it was a Board of Selectmen decision. A decision rests in the hands of both Town Counsel and the Building Inspector. Joe Kellogg will advise Mike Jaffe of their decision.

Kathy Chretien – Tara White advised that Kathy had gone to school and successfully completed “Freedom of Information Public Access to Records,” as well as “IIMC Athenian Leadership Dialogue: Tried by War, Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief” courses. Both of these CEU courses contribute to the requirements necessary for her to remain certified as Town Clerk.

Town Policy on Signs – The word “also” will be removed from the first paragraph of this policy to avoid any confusion.

Town Administrator Applicants – Two candidates were interviewed for the position of Town Administrator, i.e. Ann Sommers and Mari Enoch. A third candidate cancelled his interview. Tara White recused herself from discussion during the interviews and the vote. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to offer the position of Town Administrator to Mari Enoch (Tara White recused herself from this vote).** A meeting, with Mari, will be conducted on Wednesday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. to negotiate the terms of her contract.

Assistant Treasurer (Tax Title) – Selectman Shalaby would like to offer this position to Sue Funk. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to offer the position of Consultant to the Treasurer to Sue Funk at \$15.00 per hour subject to consultation with Select Chair, Tara White.**

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary